



HOPWA Technical Assistance 2000 Competition Overview

The Super Notice of Funding Availability for HUD's Housing, Community Development and Empowerment Programs (SuperNOFA) for \$2.4 billion, published 2-24-00, includes funds for national technical assistance (TA) projects for the 2000 Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program. HOPWA TA applications will compete in a separate competition under the Community Development Technical Assistance section, as follows:

Applications: The HOPWA TA application is included in the Community Development-TA application kit and the SuperNOFA User Guide. For an application kit and any supplemental information, please call the SuperNOFA Information Center at 1-800-HUD-8929 (423-8929) or 1-800-HUD-2209 (TTY). Applications can also be accessed through the World Wide Web at <http://www.hud.gov>.

Due Date: Submit your completed applications (an original and one copy) on or before 12:00 midnight, Eastern time, on May 19, 2000. Your completed application consists of one original application and one copy. Submit original application to HUD Headquarters, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, CPD Processing and Control Branch, Room 7251, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410.

Funds: Up to \$1.74 million for the HOPWA TA Competition.

Eligible Applicants: Non-profit organizations; and States and units of general local government.

Grant Size and Scope: Grant sizes are limited only by the amount of funds available. Activities are carried out on a national or regional basis (e.g. serving a multi-state area).

HOPWA TA Purpose: To train HOPWA grantees, project sponsors, and potential recipients of program funds in comprehensive housing strategies and responsive area programs that assist residents who are living with HIV/AIDS; in the sound management of HOPWA programs to support program operations in an efficient and effective manner, including undertaking community consultations, program planning, housing development and operations, program evaluation and reporting on accomplishments; and to build the capacity of nonprofit organizations to carry out activities as HOPWA project sponsors.

National TA Goals: Applicants should emphasize how activities will advise and train communities and project sponsors in undertaking program planning, community consultation, housing development and operations, coordination with related health-care and other supportive services, and evaluation and reporting on program performance. To accomplish these activities, applicants should address the following national HOPWA TA goals:

National Goal: Sound Management of HOPWA Programs and Projects: HOPWA TA funds can be used to help to strengthen the management, operation, and capacity of grantees, project sponsors, and potential applicants to ensure that organizations use funds in a manner that upholds the public trust in the operation of programs.

National Goal: Targeting Resources to Underserved Populations: In an effort to meet the recognized need among underserved populations in accessing health-care and HIV/AIDS treatment, the Department is encouraging that HOPWA TA funds be used to build collaborations between HOPWA grantees, projects sponsors, and/or potential grantees to enhance the provision of housing assistance and related supportive services to better serve underserved populations on a national, regional, or local level. It is intended that this collaborative approach will meet the HOPWA TA goal of providing for sound management of HOPWA program, projects, or potential applicants.

Definition of TA: HOPWA technical assistance shall mean the transfer to HOPWA grantees and project sponsors and potential recipients of program funds, the skills and knowledge needed to develop, operate and support HOPWA-eligible projects and activities. The application should emphasize how activities will advise and train communities and project sponsors in undertaking program planning, community consultations, housing development and operations, coordination with related health-care and other supportive services, and evaluation and reporting on program performance.

Criteria for Selection

Rating Factor 1: Capacity of the Applicant and Relevant Organizational Experience (20 Points): In rating this factor, HUD will consider the extent to which the application demonstrates in relation to funding that is

requested: Recent, relevant and successful experience of your organization and staff in providing technical assistance in all eligible activities and to all eligible entities for the program(s) applied for; Relevant experience and competence of your key personnel in managing complex, multi-faceted or multi-disciplinary programs that require coordination with other entities; Sufficient personnel or access to qualified experts or professionals to deliver the proposed level of technical assistance in each proposed service area in a timely and effective fashion.

Rating Factor 2: Potential Effectiveness of the Application in Meeting Needs of Target Groups and Localities and Accomplishing Project Objectives for Each CD-TA Program for which Funds Are Requested (20 Points): In rating this factor, HUD will consider the extent to which your application: Identifies high priority needs and issues for the CD program on a national or regional basis for national HOWPA grants; Outlines a clear and cost-effective plan of suggested TA activities for addressing those needs and aiding a broad diversity of eligible grantees and/or beneficiaries, including those which traditionally have been under-served; Identifies creative activities to assist eligible grantees in participating in the development of, and improving, local Consolidated Plans and comprehensive strategies.

Rating Factor 3: Soundness of Approach (40 Points): In rating this factor, HUD will consider the extent to which your application evidences a sound approach in addressing identified needs of: Providing a cost effective plan for designing, organizing, and carrying out the activities addressing the HOPWA TA goal; Demonstrates an effective outreach and assistance program to specifically identified disadvantaged communities, populations and/or organizations which previously have been underserved; Provides for full geographic coverage, including urban and rural areas, or is targeted to address the needs of rural areas, minority groups or other under-served groups or addresses other approaches that respond to identified needs; Proposes a feasible, creative plan, which uses state of the art or new promising technology, to transfer models and lessons learned in each of its CD-TA program's activities to grantees and/or program beneficiaries in other CD-TA programs.

Rating Factor 4: Leveraging Resources (10 Points): This factor addresses your ability to secure community resources which can be combined with HUD's program resources to achieve program purposes. In evaluating this factor HUD will consider: The extent to which you have partnered with other entities to secure additional resources to increase the effectiveness of the proposed program activities. Resources may include funding or in-kind contributions, such as services or equipment, allocated to the purpose(s) of the award you are seeking. Resources may be provided by governmental entities, public or private nonprofit organizations, for-profit private

organizations, or other entities willing to partner with the applicant.

Rating Factor 5: Comprehensiveness and Coordination (10 Points): This factor addresses the extent to which you coordinated your activities with other known organizations, participate or promote participation in a community's Consolidated Planning process and Continuum of Care homeless assistance strategy, and are working towards addressing a need in a holistic and comprehensive manner through linkages with other activities in the community. In evaluating this factor, HUD will consider the extent to which you have: Coordinated your proposed activities with those of other groups or organizations prior to submission; taken or will take specific steps to work with recipients of technical assistance services to become active in the community's Consolidated Planning process; and taken or will take specific steps to develop linkages to coordinate comprehensive solutions through meetings, information networks, planning processes or other mechanisms.

SuperNOFA Broadcasts: A satellite broadcasts will be offered to explain and answer questions on the SuperNOFA. This broadcasts will be held on April 12th (1-5 EST) and can be accessed from www.hud.gov via live webcast.

Funding for HOPWA Project Grants: The SuperNOFA also makes up to \$23.02 million available for HOPWA projects under a separate competition, for: (1) Special Projects of National Significance, and (2) Projects that are part of Long-Term Comprehensive Strategies for providing housing and related services submitted by states and local governments for areas that do not qualify for HOPWA 2000 formula allocations.

Other Funding Resources: Information on other HUD programs and the 2000 HOPWA formula allocations of \$207.2 million to 67 eligible cities and 34 States is found at: <http://www.hud.gov/cpd/cpdalloc.html>.

For More Information: Call the Community Connections Information Center at 1-800-998-9999 or 1-800-483-2209 (TTY) or contact by internet at <http://www.comcon.org> to answer your questions on the 2000 HOPWA competition. Visit the HOPWA homepage at <http://www.hud.gov/cpd/hopwahom.html>.